



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio  
Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **MARCH 7, 2007**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Present**

Chair Eleanor R. Montano  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
Rita Hall  
Carl E. Moore

##### **Excused Absence**

John A. Hammargren

##### **Others Present**

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services  
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Carl E. Moore joined the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007 MINUTES OF REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING**

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Commissioner Hall, and unanimously carried, the minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007 were approved with the following corrections.

Page 2, last paragraph; add *at Compton Courthouse*.....

Page 3, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph; change sentence to; *(2) people were killed*.....

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montano thanked the Commission for visiting the jail on March 6, 2007.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,228.50.

### **STAFF REPORT**

- The 2006 Annual Report was approved. A cover letter for the report will be drafted to the Board of Supervisors for approval at the March 14, 2007 meeting.
- The Commission was given a Quarterly Report of Inspection Visits for January and February 2007 for review of any facilities which are problematic and may need to be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors in the Sybil Brand Commission's Quarterly Report for January to March 2007.
- Information regarding Los Angeles Trade Tech College and Los Angeles City College was given to the Commission for review and consideration of Scholarships to these schools for the Charitable Giving Program.
- Ms. Kathleen Daly from Mental Health was sent an email by Ms. Barbee requesting her presence at the Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly meetings. Ms. Daly was under the impression that she had to be invited to the meetings and could not just attend. Ms. Barbee clarified she is welcome at all meetings but SBC welcomes her report at the Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly meetings. Ms. Daly assured the Commission she would be at the next Sybil Brand Quarterly Meeting.
- Information on the Sixteenth Annual National Gang Violence Conference to be held on July 17 – 20, 2007. After discussion the Commission decided not to attend.
- Ms. Lehman, County Counsel is requesting more information from the Commission regarding the "Do Not Refer List".

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Sybil Brand Commission is requesting an email be sent to Probation Department representatives Mr. Ronald Hudson and Mr. Howard Wong requesting a response to issues discussed at the January 24, 2007 meeting.

- Policy for providing back-up assistance at Compton Court during periods of overcrowding and when there is an increased number of minors.

- Information regarding incident when staff was reprimanded for calling 911 to address a medical emergency and department policy and procedure for handling medical emergencies.
- Television programming policy for minors under care of Probation Department at Kenyon Justice Center.

## **FACILITY REPORTS**

### **Linden Center Group Home – 63, #3 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

This facility was visited on March 1, 2007, and found the home to be clean and in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The burners on the stove didn't work; bedroom needs a closet door; extinguisher needs to be checked for 2007; emergency drills need to be conducted and documented monthly.

### **Pasadena Municipal Court – Commissioners Cannella and Stathatos**

This facility was visited on March 1, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** This is a very old building in need of a makeover; one inmate complained she was not receiving proper medical care. Commissioner Stathatos called Captain Alice Scott of CRDF on March 5, 2007 and was able to get the inmate the medical care she required.

### **St. Paul Group Home - 100, #3 - Commissioner Montano**

This facility was visited on March 5, 2007, and found in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The facility needed to stock their first aid kits; low on bath towels and wash clothes; no keys were accessible to the food cabinets, refrigerator, medications and first aid kits, however they called the staff member with the keys and she brought them back within (5) minutes.

### **Men's Central Jail - Commissioners Bacio, Cannella, Hall, Montano, Moore, and Stathatos**

This facility was visited on March 6, 2007, and found to be well run, very clean and in satisfactory condition. **Areas of Concern:** The Deputies do an hourly check but the inmates cover their person with sheets and the Deputies can't really tell if the inmate is in bed without waking the inmate up; too much linen provided to the inmates; more Deputies, video cameras, and personnel needed; dripping pipe in hallway near kitchen needs to be repaired; broken pallets with nails must be removed for safety and security purposes. They are stored near the kitchen, and could be used as a weapon; escalators were not working in the 5000 area; facility is very dark.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Update from ISD on status of requested repairs at several court houses requested at the January 24, 2007 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting in the memory of Mr. Ernest Gregory Barnes at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division